

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Comments:

Life safety code inspection is applicable to rooms occupied by foster children and other major residential deficiencies

Question: Should a foster care license be denied on the basis of an applicant that places family members in an area of the home (basement, upper floors) that does not meet code when the foster children are placed in areas that do meet code?

Response: No.

The license for foster care should not be denied so long as the area occupied by the foster children is acceptable under the requirements of the Life Safety Code. A letter shall be sent by the inspector who signed the HHSS referral to inform the applicant that occupancy of sleeping rooms not complying with the Life Safety Code is unacceptable for the foster children. A foster care license will not be denied if only the family members occupy deficient rooms.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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